(b) Rajasthan stands second in railway network (route kilometres) compared to other States in the country.

Rail project of Jammu and Kashmir

4113. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state what is the status report regarding rail project in Jammu and Kashmir extending the rail line between Udhampur and Katra and its operations on the line between Kazikund and Baramulla?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Jammu-Udhampur project has already been commissioned. Work is in progress on Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla project where overall progress is about 45%. On this project, Kakapore-Budgam has been completed and Udhampur-Katra and balance on Qazigund-Baramulla are targeted for completion during 2007-08. Target for Katra - Qazigund section is under review in view of different geological conditions, adverse working conditions, forestry clearances and construction of bridges/ tunnels involved.

Special railway security fund

†4114. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the date of establishment of Special Railway Security Fund (SRSF);

(b) the objective of its establishment;

(c) since when surcharge has been levied on the passenger fare for this fund;

(d) whether it is a fact that this surcharge is being included in the fare; and

(e) the justification for including this surcharge in the fare when it was levied for a special purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No such fund exists in the Ministry of Railways.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.